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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO

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1. AT DINNER GIVEN BY COURT MINISTER ALAM FOR VISITING PAKISTANI DELEGATION (REFTEL A), TOOK OCCASION TO ASK PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO ABOUT ROAD BUILDING ACTIVITY IN THE MOHMAND TRIBAL TERRITORY (REFTEL B). BHUTTO SAID THAT HE WELCOMED THE QUERY SINCE IT GAVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN WHAT HE WAS DOING. STATING FLATLY THAT THE DURAND LINE WAS THE BORDER BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN, HE POINTED OUT THAT WHEN PAKISTAN ACHIEVED ITS INDEPENDENCE, MOHAAOAD ALI JINNAH DECIDED THAT IN THE INTERESTS OF MUSLIM FRIENDLINESS,

HE WOULD KEEP PAKISTANI MILITARY TROOPS AT A DISTANCE BACK OF THE BORDER SO AS NOT TO SEEM PROVOCATIVE. THE TROOPS HAVE STAYED ON THIS LINE EVER SINCE. NOW THAT THE AFGHAN LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN CHANGED, BHUTTO FEELS NO LONGER COMFORTABLE WITH THE ARRANGEMENT. THEREFORE HE IS GOING TO MOVE PAKISTANI MILITARY TROOPS RIGHT TO THE FRONTIER. HE ENDED HIS COMMENTS WITH THE STATEMENT, QUOTE
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THESE DAYS IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT CEASEFIRES TAKE PLACE

AFTER THE ENEMY HAS OCCUPIED SOME OF YOUR TERRITORY UNQUOTE.

2. BHUTTO CONTENDS THAT HE WANTS A COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH AFGHANISTAN. BOTH HE AND ALAM AGREED THAT DAOUD WAS THEIR REMAINING HOPE IN THE AFGHAN LEADERSHIP SINCE HE WAS AT LEAST QUOTE EXPERIENCED UNQUOTE. THERE WAS SOME WRY LAUGHTER OVER THE VARYING INTERPRETATIONS OF WHAT CONSTITUTES PUSHTUNISTAN AND BLUCHISTAN. IT WAS MADE PLAIN THAT REGARDLESS OF HOW VAIRIOUS LEADERS REGARD THESE GROUPINGS, BOTH IRAN AND PAKISTAN INTEND TO STICK FIRMLY ON EXISTING BORDERS AND FRONTIERS.

3. ACCORDING TO BHUTTO, THE SHAH AND HE DISCUSSED DURU THEIR MEATING ON OCTOBER 16 RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND MUTUAL PROBLEMS IN THEIR GENERAL AREA.
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